

In the Specification:

Page 1, between line 2 and 3, please insert the following: ✓

B1 A/BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention ✓

Page 1, between line 4 and 5, please insert the following: ✓

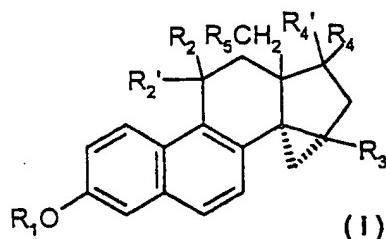
B2 A/2. Description of the Related Art ✓

Page 1, between lines 16 and 17, please insert the following: ✓

B3 A/ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION ✓

Page 1, last paragraph (starting line 19 to line 2, page 2), replace with
the following paragraph: ✓

B4 According to the invention, this objective is attained by forming
equilenin derivatives of general formula (I)



wherein

R₁ denotes a hydrogen atom, a C₁-C₅-alkyl group, a C₁-C₅-acyl group or a benzoyl group,

R₂ denotes a hydrogen atom and R'₂ denotes a fluorine atom, a hydroxyl group or a C₁-C₅-acyloxy group or R₂ and R'₂ together

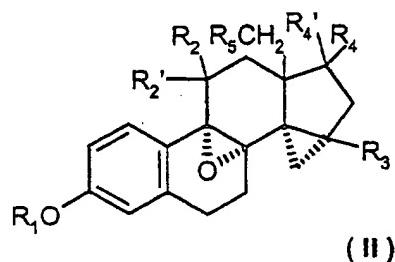
contd. denote an oxo group,

b4 R_3 denotes a hydrogen atom or a methyl group,

R_4 denotes a hydrogen atom and R'_4 denotes a hydroxyl group or a C_1-C_{11} -acyloxy group or R_4 and R'_4 together denote an oxo group, a methylene group, a halomethylene group or a dihalomethylene group and

R_5 denotes a hydrogen atom or a methyl group.

Page 5, first full paragraph (lines 4 to 14), replace with the following paragraph:



The cyclopropano steroids of general formula II

wherein

R_1 denotes a hydrogen atom, a C_1-C_5 -alkyl group, a C_1-C_5 -acyl group or a benzoyl group,

R_2 denotes a hydrogen atom and R'_2 denotes a fluorine atom, a

contd.

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hydroxyl group or a C₁-C₅-acyloxy group or R₂ and R'₂ together

denote an oxo group,

R₃ denotes a hydrogen atom or a methyl group,

R₄ denotes a hydrogen atom and R'₄ denotes a hydroxyl group or a

C₁-C₁₁-acyloxy group or R₄ and R'₄ together denote an oxo group, a

methylene group, a halomethylene group or a dihalomethylene group

and

R₅ denotes a hydrogen atom or a methyl group,

are new and have previously not been described.

Page 5, second full paragraph (line 15 to 24), replace with the

following paragraph:



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Particularly preferred, are, for example, the following cyclopropano steroids:

1) 11 α -hydroxy-3-methoxy-14 α ,15 α -methylene-8 α ,9 α -oxidoestra-

1,3,5(10)-trien-17 α -yl acetate,

2) 3-methoxy-14 α ,15 α -methylene-8 α ,9 α -oxidoestra-1,3,5(10)-trien-

11 α ,17 α -diyl diacetate and

3) 3-methoxy-11 α -hydroxy-8 α ,9 α -oxido-14 α ,15 α -methylenestra-

1,3,5(10)-trien-17 β -yl acetate.